

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

It is my belief that we are currently unable to receive a truly objective point of view from any cable network. The move to further limit public access to media outlets is alienating the American public from any sense of community, wisking us into a bath of consumerism and corporate control. It is foolish for the FCC to even consider allowing what--in effect--will become a media monopoly. It is simply undemocratic and shows a lack of concern for the broadest section of our society.

The reason we have regulations in this country is because we can always anticipate greed and neglect (or at least a lack of foresight) on the part of individuals and corporations. Does the move to loosen regulation then imply the FCC's complete faith in the benevolence of our information distribution system? The grave error here is that the FCC is assuming that we have achieved democracy in this system. Will the Commision be accountable when the narrowing points of view backfire, and the limitations of "our" media are unveiled through some other means? There are a great many of us listening out here, hard as you try to go unnoticed while lulling us into complacency. We have the capacity to find the information that rings true.

While you're at it- it IS your responsibility to inform the public in a clear fashion of your attempt to make a major change like this. You have not made that intention clear and have not given nearly enough time (or access) to the public to respond. As a result you are making it impossible for any thinking person to consider your efforts ethical.